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There is no probability of a reduction of the tax on tobacco and whiskey the present Congress.

The past winter has been disagreeable and discouraging for business, but industry and renewed energy will mend broken places.

Senior Postmaster: There can be no reason why the people should not elect postmasters, district attorneys, marshals, clerks of court, collectors of customs and of internal revenue, etc.

The Legislature is now engaged apportioning the Congressional Districts, and numerous charges of jerry-mandering are afloat. The Democratic party of Kentucky is too powerful to be unfair.

A colored man, one of the best of his race, died last week in the city of New York, and only in that of the kind on record. Why is it that so few colored people commit suicide, compared to the whites? Does it argue superior contentment with their lot?

The Covington Commonwealth reports an instance of "the office seeking the man, and the man refusing to take it." The Commonwealth is reliable, but the public should have the papers on this remarkable occurrence.

The Cincinnati Commercial is now better satisfied than ever that the levee system will not work on the lower river. It declares the expensive levees between Memphis and Vicksburg virtually broken up and destroyed.

The Clinton Democrat is not advised of any great distress from high water in its (Hickman) county. It, however, says a number of families have been driven from their homes by the floods and the county lost several hundred dollars worth of bridges, etc.

Judge C. S. Marshall, Col. Bagby and Mrs. Henry Houston, leading Republicans of this district, will support the bolting Democratic candidate for clerk of the House of Appeals. Not that they love the Republican party less, but because they hate the Democratic party more.

Senator Saunders wants the Constitution amended so as to make Postmasters, Internal Revenue officers, Marshals and District Attorneys elective by the people. That would be knocking the cogs off all the little wheels in "the machine," and thus ruin the best Government, etc.

The bill increasing the salary of Mrs. Cook, State Librarian, to \$1,500, has been revised, and they say will certainly pass. We want Mrs. Cook to have the \$1,500 mark that, by a contemporary says her only duty is to take care of about \$500 worth of books.

The Court of the United States are getting to be fastidious. They have issued an order prohibiting members of the bar from wearing overcoats while before that august body. The members of the bar might retaliate by requesting the Supreme Justices to lay aside their unsightly gowns.

It is reported that Jesse James, the notorious bandit, and Ed. Miller, one of his pals, were captured last Tuesday night at some secluded spot in Kansas, after a desperate fight in which Miller was killed and James mortally wounded. Seven of the capturing party were killed and three wounded. The report needs confirmation.

The Louisville Commercial charges that Secretary of State Blackburn refuses to permit its correspondents to examine the Executive Journal, to ascertain the number of pardons granted and the amount of fines remitted by the Governor. Secretaries of State say he is unwilling that the record of his official charge, shall pass into unauthorized hands, but that a regularly appointed Committee can have the books.

**A New Department.**  
The bill to establish a new department and a new Cabinet position was introduced in Congress by Mr. Keene, of West Virginia, and will be likely to pass with the majority, and it opens the way to a large number of appointments. The new Secretary is to be called Secretary of Agriculture, and will have under charge the Agricultural Bureau, the Geological Bureau, the Bureau of Lands, and all the odds and ends of Government that do not properly belong to other established departments.

**Tennessee Debt.**  
The New York Herald says the Tennessee bondholders have decided to take the new bonds without the tax-receivable coupon feature, or they will agree to take a six per cent. bond for a sixty per cent. of the debt.

The Legislature will soon be gathered together to decide, and the bondholders ought to have some proposition to submit at that time, or else be prepared to accept the conclusion of a long and bitter political contest, which may divide the political parties and dissolve all existing party relations.

If the Tennessee Legislature, at the called session, should agree on a bill which will meet the objections of the Supreme Court and which is, at the same time, acceptable to the bondholders, disaster to the State, which must result from continued agitation, will be averted.

**The Land Steal.**  
St. Louis, Mo., March 10.—J. W. Booth, of this city, says in regard to the land steal by Sen. Laramore, and others that the story told by the negroes and also declared by St. Paul is false in every particular. He says N. G. and Green Laramore, Oscar Towne and myself form the Elk Valley Farming Company. We own four thousand acres in Dakota, and have invested \$125,000 in the enterprise. The land was bought by actual settlers and I have a complete statement of it from those whom we bought the lands and whom we paid. Last winter our Superintendent, Mr. Sherridge, foreman that we were would be bigger in that region this spring, advised us to send a negro from this section, and we hired a gang of negroes and sent them up from Mason, Mo., and worked about February 20th. I have heard of no trouble about the land, and I suppose the people up there are not aware of our large designs, and so carried it off.

## Going to the States.

(Special to the Courier.)

Washington, March 16.—The distress in the Mississippi valley, and the whole of the South, has been the subject of much discussion in the Senate.

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